

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The collection of data not only increases transparency but informs policy decisions related to criminal justice, resource allocation for prosecutorial offices, and the efficiency of court processes. S.B. 2146 directs prosecuting attorneys across the state to report information on: the categories and numbers of each criminal offense prosecuted; the number of personnel employed by the prosecuting attorney; the number of defendants released due to missed indictment deadlines; and the number of new offense notifications submitted for individuals out on bond. The bill requires the Texas Judicial Council to prescribe details of this reporting process.

As proposed, S.B. 2146 amends current law relating to the information reported by prosecuting attorneys to the Texas Judicial Council.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 71, Government Code, by adding Section 71.0354, as follows:

Sec. 71.0354. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY INFORMATION. (a) Defines "prosecuting attorney."

(b) Requires each prosecuting attorney to report in the form and manner prescribed by the Texas Judicial Council (council) certain information.

(c) Requires the council, in prescribing the information to be submitted and form and manner of submission of the information under Subsection (b), to consult with the Texas District and County Attorneys Association and other interested parties.

SECTION 2. Requires the council, not later than September 1, 2026, to prescribe the information, and form and manner of submission, a prosecuting attorney in this state is required to report under Section 71.0354, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2025.